

RECERTIFICATION OPTIONS

The term EMT will apply to **all certified levels of emergency medical technicians.**

EMTs in South Carolina must recertify every three (3) years. **Once an EMT's SC state certification expires, the only option is to successfully complete a SC state-approved refresher course and certification examination (Basics must take the National Registry Examination. Intermediates & Paramedics may opt to take the state Aregistry-like examination.) - *ALL SC EMT-BASICS MUST BECOME NATIONALLY REGISTERED.***

Recertification is granted by successfully completing any one of the following programs:

- ☐ **Refresher Course:** Successfully complete a Department approved refresher training program - **AND** - successfully pass the state written AND practical certification examinations. A repeat of the initial (full) EMT course is also acceptable in lieu of a refresher course. Plus submit a properly completed *Certificate Application* card** and BLS*/ACLS* credential. **(All EMT-Basic, initial & refresher, must pass the National Registry EMT-Basic examination.)** Current or former SC EMTs may participate in a refresher program.

Note: *If the former EMT-Basic state certification will be expired for two (2) years or more by the time that candidate attempts the NR EMT-Basic examination, that candidate must repeat a full (initial) EMT-Basic course in order to test the National Registry examination.*

- ☐ **CEU Option:** Obtain the required continuing education units (CEUs) for their level of certification, prior to the SC certificate expiration date, - **AND** - successfully pass the state Aregistry-like written AND practical certification examinations **(EMT-Basics must pass the National Registry Examination)** - **Plus** - submit a properly completed *Certificate Application* card** and BLS*/ACLS* credential. **Only current SC certified EMTs may earn CEUs.** CEU packets **must** be received by DHEC prior to the EMT's certificate expiration date.
- ☐ **IST Option:** Successfully complete a Department approved In-Service Training Program (IST) - **AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING** - successfully pass the state Aregistry-like written AND practical certification examinations **(EMT-Basics must pass the National Registry Examination)** - **OR** - receive the written and/or practical examination waiver from the agency's medical control physician responsible for the IST program - **Plus** - submit a properly completed *Certificate Application* card** and BLS*/ACLS* credential. **Only current SC certified EMTs may participate in an approved IST program.** IST packets **must** be received by DHEC prior to the EMT's certificate expiration date.
- ☐ **National Registry Option:** Submit a **current** re-registered, National Registry credential showing an expiration date greater than your SC EMT certificate expiration date. Plus submit a properly completed *Certificate Application* card** and BLS*/ACLS* credential. Packet **must** be received by DHEC prior to the EMT's certificate expiration date.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** In addition to the above, all EMTs (all levels) must maintain a current* BLS credential in one of the following:

- American Heart Association (AHA) BLS for the Healthcare Provider
 - American Red Cross (ARC) CPR for the Professional Rescuer
 - American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) CPR Pro
- EMT-Paramedics must also maintain a current* AHA or ASHI ACLS credential.

* Current means that the card expiration date is greater than that of the EMT's certificate date.

** A properly completed *Certificate Application* (White, Green or Blue) card is one which is complete with all signatures on both the front & back of the card as required.